

F-8-78

Ca. 1890

Elsie M. Beard House

Woodsboro vicinity, Maryland

Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Periods:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/outhouse, garage, shed

Known Design Source: None

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. F-8-78

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Elsie M. Beard House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 10205 Woodsboro Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Woodsboro ☐ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Elsie M. Beard

street & number 10205 Woodsboro Road telephone no.:

city, town Woodsboro state and zip code MD 21798

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 623

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 15

city, town Frederick state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This house is a two story frame dwelling sheathed in asphalt shingling with a side gable roof located on Route 505 in the vicinity of Woodsboro, Maryland. The principal facade faces west with road orientation. The property lot includes a shed, an outhouse and a garage.

The house rests on a stone foundation that has been painted white. It contains two interior brick end chimneys. The side gable roofline extends in the rear elevation into a catslide roofline, probably enclosing an original two story porch. The principal facade has asymmetrical openings with two center front doors and 2/2 light windows. One of the doors is panelled in a bible cross design. The use of two front doors is a regional mannerism associated with Pennsylvania-German settlers. A entry porch covers the four bays on the first floor with a shed roof and chamfered columns. On the south elevation, fenestration is varied with 2/6, 6/6 and 2/2 lights asymetrically placed. A concrete chimney is placed along the east side of the elevation. The east elevation reveals partly a stone foundation and partly a concrete block foundation. A frame cellar door lies in the stone portion. Window openings are smaller than the other elevations. A 1 & 1/2 story shed roof frame addition extends from the north wall and encloses an entry porch. The north elevation incorporates the shed roofed addition which has door openings on its first and second levels; the upper level doorway is filled in.

Outbuildings on the property include a 1 story concrete block garage with a side gable roof of corrugated metal. A sliding door is placed in the south (principal) elevation. The garage is located several yards to the north of the house. A small shed with a shed roof lies to the northeast of the house; it is sheathed in tarpaper and asphalt shingling. An outhouse of plywood siding is situated a few feet from the shed and has a corrugated metal roof and door. A springhouse, located across Route 505 and several yards south, was probably associated with the house.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This dwelling house was probably constructed after 1873 as it does not appear on the 1873 Titus map. Several domestic buildings are included with the house. The 2 story dwelling follows a simple vernacular form of Pennsylvanian-German origins with its two door openings on the main facade. This house form began to appear in the late eighteenth century and remained a common type into the late nineteenth century.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus & Co., Philadelphia, 1873  
Map of Frederick County, Maryland, Isaac Bond, Baltimore, 1858

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3.02 acresQuadrangle name Woodsboro, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 50, Parcel 130

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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Woodsboro MD Quadrangle







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Elsie M. Beard Hse,  
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Frederick CO.

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Southwest Elev.

1/3



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Northeast Elevation

2/3



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Elsie M. Beard Hse. → Outbuildings

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Outbuildings / Looking North

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